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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01803-TNM**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/01/2018  
Date Terminated: 05/02/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/01/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5614166) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Robyn K. Bitner, :Firm- National Student Legal Defense Network, :Address- 1015 15th Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. Phone No. - 202-734-7495. Filing fee \$ 100,

		receipt number 0090-5614297. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zsth) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/1/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice of Attorney Robyn K. Bitner. Counsel shall promptly register for this Court's CM/ECF system. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/6/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Rhonda Lisa Campbell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/23/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/3/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/2/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/7/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 8/6/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex A)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>9</u>	ORDER setting an Initial Scheduling Conference for October 3, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 2, before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/5/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/05/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Initial Scheduling Conference set for 10/3/2018 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 2, before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (hmc) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT and Motion to Adjourn Conference by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>10</u> Join Motion to Adjourn Conference. The Initial Scheduling Conference currently scheduled for October 3, 2018 is hereby VACATED. The parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by October 17, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/13/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/17/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Vacate Status Hearing by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (See Docket Entry <u>10</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/17/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
10/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by November 16, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/18/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 10/18/2018)

10/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/16/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
11/14/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by December 17, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 11/15/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>corrected</i> by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/17/2018. (hmc) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
12/14/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
12/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by February 7, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 12/17/18. (lctnm1) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/7/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
02/06/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before April 2, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 2/6/19. (lctnm1) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/2/2019. (tg) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that a further report shall be filed on or before May 2, 2019. This report shall update the Court on the status of the parties' negotiations and propose a summary judgment briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 4/1/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/2/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's <u>18</u> Notice of Voluntary Dismissal, this matter is DISMISSED pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a). The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 5/2/2019. (lctnm1) (Entered: 05/02/2019)